



Patrick (PJ) McGrew Bio

PJ McGrew has dedicated his professional career to serving individuals through education and training services. He has diverse experience both in and out of the classroom through his years as an educator and within state government. He served Indiana's students as Education Policy Director for then-Governor Mike Pence and current-Governor Eric J. Holcomb. With the link between education and workforce growing ever stronger, McGrew was named Director of Policy for the newly created Governor's Workforce Cabinet in 2018. Governor Holcomb later selected McGrew to serve in his current role as the Cabinet's Executive Director.

Prior to his work in state government, McGrew spent nearly ten years teaching high school math in a variety of school settings—including traditional public, public charter, private and alternative schools in Idaho and Indiana. Among the many highlights of his teaching career, McGrew served as a school leader and mentor, and he was instrumental in turning around a school that had never achieved federal measures of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Upon returning to his home state of Indiana, PJ became an engaged advocate for alternate routes to teacher licensure and found he had a passion for public service and education policy.

Since then, McGrew has served in a variety of roles in state government, helping to shape Indiana's education and workforce policy. Aside from his work in the Governor's Office, McGrew was the Associate Policy Director for the Education Roundtable, Director of Special Projects with the Department of Workforce Development, and Chief of Staff with the State Board of Education.

PJ lives in Avon, Indiana with his wife of 15 years, Jaclyn, and their three children, Patrick, Frankie, and Rose.